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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the following documents:

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The aforementioned documents are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate) and, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), copies of the foreign documents and non-patent documents are enclosed herewith.

The EPO 0616103 document, which is in German, was previously included in an information disclosure statement that was filed, along with a statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(3)(i), in this application on July 21, 2004. Applicants have now obtained an Englishlanguage translation of the EPO 0616103 document and enclose a copy of the translation pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(3)(ii).

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(3)(i), applicants note that the documents that are in a language other than English and for which applicants have not obtained English-language translations show or describe apparatus for retaining, enclosing or partially enclosing an article.

It is respectfully requested that the aforementioned documents be (1) fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during examination of this application; and (2) printed on any patent which may issue on this application. Applicants request that a copy of Form PTO-1449, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next communication.

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